

**Chapter 131, SEWERS**

**EXISTING:**

§ 131-1. Permission to construct and maintain sewage system.

Sussex County is hereby granted permission to construct, maintain, operate, repair and replace **water distribution and** sanitary sewage collection lines, force mains, lift station, pump stations, manholes and other appurtenances within the rights-of-way of all roads within the town limits which are dedicated to public use in accordance with the requirements of Title 9, Chapter 67, Paragraph 6703 of the Delaware Code, provided that all roads of Fenwick Island that are damaged or removed in the course of water and sewer facility installation and repair shall be replaced in accordance with the Delaware Division of Highways standards for secondary roads and paving damaged or removed from roads maintained by the Delaware Division of Highways shall be replaced in accordance with the Delaware Division of Highways' requirements. The cost thereof shall be made by and at the sole expense of Sussex County.

§ 131-3. Determination and notice of violation.

A. The Town Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, a designee he appoints or a designee of the Town Council shall have discretion in determining when there exists a condition such as set forth in § 131-2 above which is or threatens in any way to be dangerous to the safety or health of the people of Fenwick Island.

B. After making such a determination the Town Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, a designee he appoints or designee of the Town Council shall give written notice of the violation to the owner and/or occupant of the property on which the condition exists. The notice shall set a time limit for correction, removal or abatement of the condition, which period shall not exceed fifteen (15) days. Said notice may be served by the Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, any member of the Town Council, Police Department or town employee, or it may be served by mailing by registered or certified mail with return receipt.

§ 131-4. Violations and penalties.

B. Any person found guilty of failing to correct, remove or abate a dangerous to safety or health condition shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.) for each offense; and it shall be determined that each day that the condition exists after the date set for correction, removal or abatement shall constitute a separate offense, thereby permitting the imposition of a fine for each day of a continuing offense.

C. If a condition such as set forth in § 131-2 is determined by the Town Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, a designee he appoints or a designee of the Town Council to be an emergency and the owner and or occupant is not available for receipt of notification such as set forth in § 131-3 or if the owner fails to comply with the notification as set forth in § 131-3 within the prescribed time, the town shall have full power and authority to enter into or upon the property in question with such personnel, implements, equipment and vehicles as may be necessary and proper to correct, remove or abate such a condition dangerous to safety or health. Any expense incurred by the town in performing such work, labor and proceedings shall constitute a lien on the property with interest at the lawful rate and shall be collected in the same manner as provided for the collection of delinquent taxes. The payment for such expense shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed by Subsection B of this section.

**PROPOSED:**

§ 131-1. Permission to construct and maintain sewage system.

Remove **“water distribution and”**.

§ 131-3. Determination and notice of violation.

***(Replace subsections “A” and “B” as follows:)***

A. ***The Town Council shall appoint a designee who shall have discretion in determining when there exists a condition such as set forth in § 131-2.***

B. ***After such determination has been given, the Town Manager shall give written notice of the violation to the owner and/or occupant of the property on which the condition exists. The notice shall set a time for correction, removal or abatement of the condition, which period shall not exceed fifteen (15) days.***

§ 131-4. Violations and penalties.

B. **Upon conviction, such** person found guilty of failing to correct, remove or abate a dangerous to safety or health condition shall be fined **\$200** for each offense. It shall be determined that each day that the condition exists after the date set for correction, removal or abatement shall constitute a separate offense, thereby permitting the imposition of a fine for each day of a continuing offense.

***(Replace subsection “C” as follows:)***

C. **If such condition as set forth in § 131-2 is determined by the Town of Fenwick Island to be an emergency and the owner and/or occupant is not available for receipt of notification such as set forth in § 131-3 or if the owner fails to comply with the notification as set forth in § 131-3 within the prescribed time, the Town of Fenwick Island shall have the power to enter the property and correct the problem. The payment for such expense shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed by Subsection B of this section.**

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